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Subject: RE: Media query - SF Chronicle - Hunters Point shipyard soil review

This looks good. I think her third question also asked about the new homes, which are on Parcel A. So, we may want to add some language from our previous statements on Parcel A.

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SF Chronicle's Caille Millner is working on an editorial about "the expanding need for soil re-evaluations at the Hunters Point Shipyard area." Her deadline is Friday morning at 10 a.m..

Please see below for a start of a draft response; please edit/add to as needed.

Thanks,
Michele

Questions:

As I'm sure you've seen, a Dec. 2017 letter from John Chestnutt of the local EPA was released by PEER. Chestnutt says in the letter that an independent review has found that an additional 76% of survey units had unreliable soil data from the Navy's original numbers – the review found that a total of 97% of survey units are suspect.

- Q1 - What does "97% of survey units" mean in terms of clean-up? (Is that months, years, or just impossible?)
- Q2 - Has the Navy responded to the numbers in the EPA's review?
- Q3 - Did the EPA look at the soil results for areas where people are currently living/working on the property? (e.g. the artists studios in Parcel B, the new homes that were most recently built?)

Response:

Q1 & Q2 - The Navy will be resampling the impacted parcels and relying on these new data to determine where additional cleanup may be needed. EPA's input, which is based on our independent review of the data, will help inform where the resampling will be done. The final plan for resampling is not yet complete, though the Navy has committed to resampling 100% of the survey units previously sampled by Tetra Tech. The resampling results will determine how much additional cleanup may be needed, so at this time we are unable to predict how long that cleanup may take.

Q3 - ? can we pull something from this previous response:

Even though the Navy transferred Parcels D-2, UC-1, and UC-2 to San Francisco in 2015, construction on new projects within these parcels is only allowed with a specific work plan approved by the regulatory agencies. As

part of the review process for any new construction proposals, EPA and its state regulatory partners assess any potential concern about radiological exposure and any other hazardous contaminants.

For example, EPA reviewed the draft workplan for the new artists' building, part of which is located on Parcel UC-2, before construction started. We researched the locations closest to the artists' building where Tetra Tech EC Inc. had done trench and other radiation cleanup work. None of the radiological work that is in question lies within the boundaries of the artists' building work. Therefore, EPA has no concern about radiological exposure—or any other hazardous contaminants—associated with construction of the artists' building.